

ALMAS AUTOMOBILE CLUB HAS PLEASANT HOME REACHED BY VARIED ROADS

HERALD REPORTER TAKES TRIP WITH MOTOR FIRM HEAD Finds Hospitality Wide At Retreat on West River.

SCENES ALONG WAY Here Ssemblance of North Woods, Then Kansas Prairies, Then North Carolina.

Continued from page one. turesque country. Although the whole way is remarkably easy riding and the hills few, the variety of road construction and the steepness of the two or three hills will give the most experienced motorist an afternoon of pure delight and enjoyment.

The trail is an easy one to follow, as the State, Mr. Polaris and Mr. Standard Oil have placed guide posts at every turn. The black and white guardrails are very much in evidence to forewarn pleasure seekers of sharp turns, while gas-stationing arms mark the approach to railroad crossings.

Scenery Beautiful. The variety of scenery here is equalled by no other stretch so thickly populated with giant timber that one might imagine himself in the Maine woods for a few minutes; then, rolling grassy farmland comes to the fore, with well-kept, well-fenced cattle grazing peacefully in the fields, oblivious to the steady purr of a motor.

Next comes a sleepy North Carolina village, with railroads, rope and saw mills, and a regiment of trucks marching up the main thoroughfare into the undergrowth, as if searching for a cool, shaded spot for a picnic. And all along the way are spacious farms with their uniform white houses, green shutters and flower beds.

Flora Pointed Out. And so through this glorious country the party sped, Mr. Shaffer, expert florist, pointing out the different kinds of vegetation, an apple orchard here, a group of pear trees there, next a rose garden, colorful and well kept; then a field of huge green leaves, which proves to be tobacco.

Finally pulling up at the Almas Club, we were met and welcomed by Dr. T. P. Prendergast, president. A delicious luncheon was served, and the appetites of the tourists did justice to the repast.

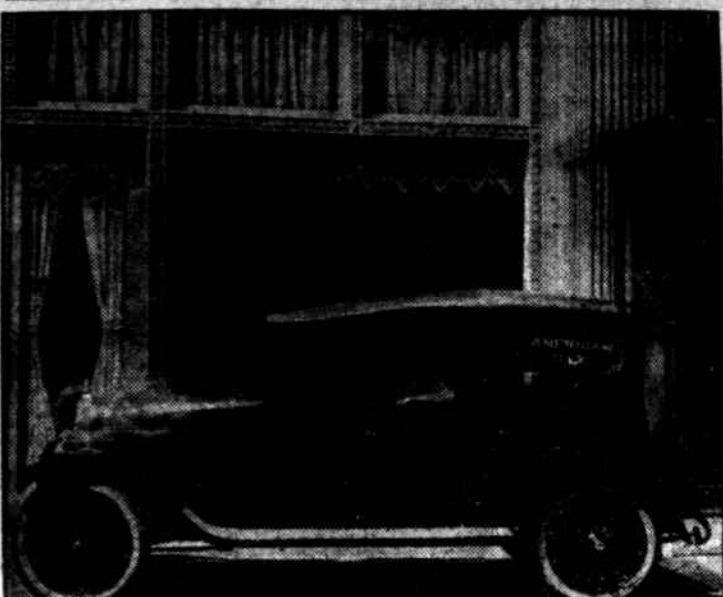
Race up Pike's Peak Feature for Labor Day

"Hitting the roof of the continent" is the name given to the annual Pike's Peak hill climb, held on Labor Day. That is the event in which the stock cars come into their own. This year the list of entries promises to be even larger than last year when twenty-four cars crossed the starting line. The race is twelve and one-half miles long, with hardly a quarter mile straightaway, going to the highest point possible to be reached by motor car. The average grade is 7 1/2 per cent, while a maximum of 10 per cent is not infrequent. The race last year was won by a Lexington, on Goodyear cords driven by Ot Loesche, in a driving storm of sleet and snow. A Lexington, driven by Al Cline, was second, while a Hudson, with Fred Junk at the wheel, was third. Preparations are already under way for the race this fall as this severe test has come to be one of the events of the season, and the Colorado Chamber of Commerce is doing everything possible to make this one of the most successful "climbs" yet held.

Chicago Air Carries Car To Frisco in 7 Days

The automobile has become so much a part of the ordinary daily life that little thought is now given to the many unusual and strenuous uses to which it is constantly being put, and to the very remarkable manner in which it stands up under every severe test. A party of Chicago business men at luncheon in their club discussed this matter and as a result a bet was made on the question of crossing the continent by motor car. L. B. Miller, manager of the Victor X-Ray Corporation, undertook to make the trip to San Francisco inside of ten days, driving his Stander and Elgin Six coupe, equipped with Goodyear cord tires, the same car he used in his business every day. The distance of 2,485 miles was made in seven days from the time he left Chicago. The trip was made without a mechanical trouble of any kind, and the Chicago air was still in all the tires at the end of the journey.

EACH WHEEL SHARES LOAD



Seated in the American Balanced Six are J. D. Bryant, sales manager, Thaden Motor Sales Co., 1026 Connecticut avenue, distributors of the Balanced Six; L. H. Thaden, vice president, and H. E. Thaden, secretary and treasurer.

The American Motors Company lays claim to being the first motor concern to correctly apply the principle of balance in car construction. The weight is divided over the four wheels of the Balanced Six almost to the fraction of the pound.

The demand for the Balanced Six has been so great as to require the construction of a second plant which has been located at Greensboro, N. C. The parent plant is at Plainfield, N. J.

MORE POWER GIVES AUTO EFFICIENCY MOTOR INDUSTRY BACK TO NORMALCY

Development in Few Years Has Easily Overcome Obstacles. Manufacturers Double Production During Last Quarter Of Year.

Few owners realize, in these swiftly-moving days, the remarkable development of power and efficiency that has been made in automobile motors in a comparatively few years. "Why it took a Sampson to start the one-lungers of but twenty years ago, and a wizard to keep them running," says Andrew Bache, veteran automotive engineer. "Dirt roads offered difficult obstacles and a hill was a Waterloo. Plenty of strength to get out behind and push was the most desired quality of a mechanic in road races."

"Many a driver won his race by backing up hills which his competitors found too steep to take running forward. Power was a missing requisite."

"Take for example the motors in the Paige cars we are turning out today and you get the contrast. The new Paige light six motor with cylinders only half the bore of the old one and two lungers and rated at 25.75 S. A. E. horsepower, develops an efficiency so high that on a recent bench test 49 1/2 horsepower was developed at 2,400 revolutions per minute."

AUTO ASSOCIATION WINS WAR HONOR

Government Awards Certificate of Merit to National Body.

To the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce has been awarded a certificate of merit by the War Department in recognition of loyalty, energy and efficiency in the performance of its war work. The citation by the director of purchases and traffic says that the certificate is awarded "For the hearty and efficient co-operation in response to the need of the government for motor vehicles in the war. They immediately placed all their resources at the disposal of the army, waived individual commercial advantages, extended their facilities and organization, and finally accepted cancellation of their orders cheerfully and at bare cost on the suspension of hostilities."

This visible recognition of patriotic war service will be highly appreciated by the automobile industry which contributed all it had to the war program. It established headquarters at Washington, with representatives in charge who knew production, engineering and transportation that were helpful to the governmental program. The industry made trucks, tractors, airplanes, engines, motor cars, field kitchens, shells, guns and many other articles for which it was well equipped.

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RADIO CONTROLLED AUTO DEVELOPED IN AIR SERVICE

Small Electrically Propelled Car in Operation On Dayton Field.

Recent visitors at McCook Field, the home of the engineering division of the Air Service, at Dayton, Ohio, have been astonished at the gyrations of a brightly painted three-wheeled vehicle which has been dashing to and fro between the buildings and among the airplanes on the field under no visible means of control. It is often seen to approach a group of persons blowing its horn wildly, and then when apparently about to strike them, to stop short with screeching brakes, back up with loudly clanging blow, make a sharp turn to the right or left, and to start off in the opposite direction.

Great mystification has been shown as to the method of operation of this car, some visitors even wondering if perhaps a combination of the heat and newly made homebrew may not have had a deleterious effect upon their observation powers. They are oft times considerably relieved to learn that the car is actually performing as they have seen it, though the mystery is lessened but slightly when they learn that the movements of the car are controlled entirely by radio impulses, which are sent out from the radio station at the opposite end of the flying field. The fact that there is no aerial or antenna system visible merely adds to the mystification.

Shaped Like Cigar.

The car is of cigar-shaped construction, about eight feet long, and runs on three pneumatic-tired wheels. It travels at speed ranging from four miles per hour to ten miles per hour and the controls are so finely adjusted that it may be easily steered along a narrow roadway.

An examination of the interior of the car shows an amazing and confusing collection of batteries, switches, wires, vacuum tubes, potentiometers, relays, magnetos, etc., all of which are of course, necessary to the complete control of the apparatus. The most interesting part of the apparatus is the "selector" which is in reality the heart of the entire control system. Various combinations of dots and dashes are sent out by means of a specially constructed transmitter, each combination calling for the accomplishment of a certain operation of the control apparatus.

It is the function of this selector to "decode" these various combinations of dots and dashes which are sent out, and to close the circuits to the desired controls. So delicately is the selector constructed, and so rapidly will it operate, that it is possible to put into operation any one of twelve distinct controls in a period of less than one second. That is to say, less than one second elapses from the time any push button on the automatic transmitter is pressed until the control on the car is in operation. Such speed of control has never before been accomplished. This car has been controlled from a ground transmitting station.

The possibilities of radio control and its application to wartime problems are almost without number. Radio can be applied to any mechanical apparatus that moves, whether it be in the air, on the ground, on the surface of the water, or beneath the water. Huge land tanks may be constructed and filled with T. N. T. and driven to any desired point along the enemy's lines where the explosive can be fired by means of radio, or it can be applied in a similar manner to a boat, submarine, torpedo, or even an airplane and the explosive can be fired when and where desired. There is also an application in the commercial field, particularly in plants where long hauls between various parts of the factory are necessary.

JURY TO PROBE MILK CONSPIRACY

CHICAGO, Aug. 6.—When the grand jury assembled Monday one of its first cases will be the alleged conspiracy between the dealers and the Milk Drivers' Union, which prohibits housewives changing the source of their supply.

Many complaints have been coming in from families in all parts of the city that if they attempt to change from one driver to another they find their supply cut off entirely. Sour milk, dirty bottles, irregular service, insolent, profane and obscene drivers are given as reasons for a desire for changes, but the people are helpless. When they threaten to change or make complaint they are told to keep their mouths shut and take what they get or get nothing at all.

AUTOS COMPETE WITH RAILROADS IN PHILIPPINES

Natives Go Joy Riding on Many Bus Lines About Islands.

In the far-away Philippines the automobile as a means of transportation is making hard competition for the railways, according to Harris Waite, of the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, who has just returned after two years spent in the islands.

African-built good roads is the answer. There are only three islands in the Philippine group with any railroads at all, and on these the highways cover a great deal more territory.

Has Fleet of Sixty-Two.

All over Northern Luzon are bus lines covering routes of 150 miles and more. These busses are equipped with pneumatic tires. Trucks honk back and forth between the plantations carrying sugar, hemp, copra, tobacco, and passengers. In the island of Leyte an enterprising truck owner has a fleet of sixty-two in operation, all running on big Goodyear pneumatics. Even in Mindanao, the most of the islands and largely inhabited by wild natives, many miles of good roads have been built, especially leading out from the port town of Davao. And the natives will carry their hemp into market, sell it buy a few clothes and provisions, and then have a glorious time with the rest of their earnings riding back and forth into auto busses over the macadam stretches.

Sultan Tours Also.

The Sultan of Sulu has a car or two to tour through his kingdom, although he is more apt to come into Manila where he can go farther for his money. His cars are Goodyear-equipped.

There are about 8,000 foreigners on the islands, excluding the Chinese who do 85 per cent of the retail business on the islands. But the native Filipinos are also good customers for automobiles and tires.

Death of Airman Who Flew to Berlin

A famous war flight is recalled in the death announced from Paris of Captain Anselme Marchal as the result of a motoring accident. Captain Marchal flew over Berlin in June, 1918, and dropped pamphlets over the German capital. He attempted on that occasion to continue his long flight from Nancy across Germany to the Russian lines, but was obliged to land in Germany and was taken prisoner. Subsequently he escaped with the airman Garros.

Seventy billion passenger miles was the 1920 record for automobiles—did you enjoy your share of them?

New Sport Model Oakland



A new Oakland Six four-passenger sport model to sell at \$1,265 is announced by the Oakland Motor Car Company and Oakland distributors and dealers are now displaying models and taking orders.

The new sport model is finished in light maroon with black fenders. The Oakland six-cylinder overhead valve motor supplies the power and gives a driving range of from two to fifty-five miles per hour on high gear.

Standard equipment of the Oakland Six sport model includes wire wheels, cord tires, and genuine brown Spanish leather upholstery throughout. The wheelbase is 115 inches turning in a 28-foot circle.

"In offering the new sport model at \$1,265," says George H. Hannum, general manager of Oakland Motor Car Company, "we have striven to produce not only a sport model but an all-purpose car at a popular price. No detail of equipment has been omitted and Oakland distributors and dealers report that the enthusiasm shown by customers who have examined and tested the car indicates an immediate volume of sales."

The Oakland Six sport model is only slightly heavier than the Oakland roadster, and seats four passengers comfortably. Today's Oakland Six complete line of models now include the touring car at \$1,145, the roadster at \$1,095, the sedan at \$1,725, the coupe at \$1,625, and the new sport model at \$1,265.

PARENTS OF BRIDE SEEK ANNULLMENT FARM HIGH SCHOOL FOR ALBEMARLE

UPPER MERLBORO, Md., Aug. 6.—William T. Conners and Emma D. Conners, father and mother of Vendola V. Conners Seibel, of Hyattsville, have filed suit in the Circuit Court to have annulled the marriage of their daughter and William H. J. Seibel.

It is charged in the bill that the couple were married in Elkton, Md., June 24, 1918, by the Rev. John McKimble, an imbecile person made by Seibel that Mrs. Conners was 16 years old, and without the knowledge of her parents. According to the bill Mrs. Seibel was under 16 years. The bill states that the bridegroom took flight as soon as the parents learned of the marriage, and on or about July 1, 1918, deserted the bride, which desertion has continued uninterruptedly for more than three years. The whereabouts of Seibel are not known, according to the bill.

Hunted Man Shoots Himself.

AURORA, Ill., Aug. 6.—James Witt, hunted for the last three months for the murder of Police Chief George Reim, West Chicago, shot and killed himself near Yorkville, Ill., today, after being wounded and nearly captured by Sheriff Martin extell.

OAKLAND MAKES 20.1 MILES ON ONE GALLON OF "GAS"

Covers 1,709 Miles in 48-Hour Non-Stop Run on Pacific Coast.

Covering 1,709 miles in a forty-eight-hour nonstop run, and averaging 20.1 miles per gallon of gasoline is the most recent achievement of an Oakland Six stock car on the Pacific Coast.

The test was made on the famous Dunsmuir-Los Altos highway south of San Francisco, where both road and traffic are typical of the average California highway.

Five Drivers Used.

Five drivers alternated at the wheel, starting at 5 p. m. on Wednesday, May 25, and continuing the grind until 5 p. m. Friday, May 27. During the test the motor of the Oakland Six was not stopped once, and no change of tires was necessary.

The Oakland Six used in creating this Pacific Coast record was a stock model, taken from the floor of the Oakland (Cal.) distributor. Only a week previous to this economy test the same car negotiated the famous Duncan Street Hill, San Francisco, in second speed. The famous climb is familiar to all Pacific Coast motorists since its 52 per cent grade is used as a test for cars of practically every make known. By reason of the performance of climbing Duncan Street Hill in second speed, the Oakland Six set a new record for this test.

Dealers Elated.

Oakland dealers are highly elated over the fact that within a period of one week the Oakland Six not only demonstrated its remarkable power by its performance on Duncan Street Hill, but in addition set a new mark for miles per gallon of gasoline when it completed the Dunsmuir-Los Altos economy run with a mark of 20.1 miles to the gallon.

No New Ford Model, Says Manufacturer

DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 6.—The Ford Motor Company has made the following announcement: "Our attention has been called to recent newspaper articles to the effect that there is to be a new Ford car on the market August 15 with a change in design to a ventilating windshield and one-man top. As we do not contemplate any such change and there is no foundation to the rumors circulated in this connection we have no hesitancy in making a denial of the report."

Days of Pleasure, Health and Profit Lost

—by the bugaboo of lower prices for automobiles—

Some few people are withholding the purchase of an automobile because of the mistaken idea that there will be a reduction in prices in the near future.

There is no longer the slightest occasion for the motorist to hold off from making the purchase that has long passed the limits of necessity. The purchasing power of his dollar has been increased until it is as near the old pre-war level as he will probably ever see it.

From the peak prices of the post-war inflation period, which culminated in 1920, prices have now dropped on an average somewhat more than 16 per cent. This brings the price of cars down to a level about 20 per cent higher than pre-war limits, and this, economists tell us, is likely to be the normal of years ahead. We shall never, in all probability, reach pre-war levels, simply because we are eight years beyond that period and the normal tendency in commerce is for a slight but inevitable upward curve in prices, as the demands of labor for better living conditions and the wages that make them possible produce higher costs, and consequently higher prices.

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